

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

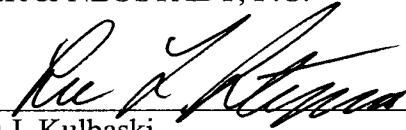
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20-21, 23-27, 29-30, 32-34, 36-37, and 39-42.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20-21, 23-27, 29-30, 32-34, 36-37, and 39-42 are pending. Claims 1 and 25 are amended. Support for the amendments to Claims 1 and 25 is self-evident inasmuch as the amendments to Claims 1 and 25 are made to address minor matters of form in each of these claims. No new matter is added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment should be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Should Examiner Qin deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form allowance, he is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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